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## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 5

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to reinstate local air quality contracts.

*Whereas, The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has contracted with local units of government for air quality programs;*

*Whereas, These IDEM contracts for air quality programs were not renewed in 2009 and are not being renewed in 2010;*

*Whereas, For some time, these contracts were in place with local air agencies serving the cities of Hammond, Anderson, Gary, Indianapolis, Evansville, Vigo County, and the surrounding areas;*

*Whereas, These local air agencies routinely respond to citizen complaints about open burning, odors, and fugitive dust; regulate asbestos; conduct inspections and provide technical assistance to local businesses; monitor air quality in the community; issue air quality alerts; and provide public education and outreach about health issues related to air quality;*

*Whereas, These local agencies have provided prompt service to citizens and local businesses;*

*Whereas, Localities in Indiana must continue to strive to*



*meet federal air quality standards to ensure public health is maintained and to encourage economic development;*

*Whereas, The most efficient and direct way to facilitate appropriate environmental response, protection, and public education is to use local agencies when agencies are available; and*

*Whereas, Local environmental agencies create jobs, promote community partnerships, and serve the public interest: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate urges the Indiana
- 2           Department of Environmental Management to reinstate local air quality
- 3           contracts and expand the program to new areas of the state if
- 4           opportunities arise.
- 5           SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 6           Secretary of the Senate to the commissioner of the Indiana Department
- 7           of Environmental Management.

